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## **Parents Plead in Child Abduction Case**

The parents charged with abducting their four young children from their maternal grandmother and taking them to Mexico in March pleaded yesterday to multiple felony charges and were sentenced, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Enrique Felix, 28, was sentenced to 11 years in state prison by Superior Court Judge Lisa Lench after he pleaded no contest to two counts of kidnapping and four counts of child stealing. He also admitted he had a prior conviction for making a criminal threat, said Deputy District Attorney Whelma Llanos with the Child Abduction Section.

Rose Chairez, 28, pleaded no contest to one count each of kidnapping and child stealing and was sentenced to five years in state prison, which was suspended. She was placed on formal probation for five years and ordered to stay away from her children.

The couple admitted abducting their two sons, 8 and 6, and their 1-year-old twin daughters on March 14 from their maternal grandmother, who had custody. The children, who were found March 18 and returned to Los Angeles, remain under supervision by the county Department of Children Services.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Hollenbeck Division.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's</u> Office prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.